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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY 19 TO 22
VISIT TO BRAZIL, THE SECRETARY'S PARTY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
THE PRESIDENT HAS REVIEWED THE INTERAGENCY
STUDY OF NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN
IN OUR NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH BRAZIL. HE AGREES THAT CON-
TACT SHOULD BE REESTABLISHED WITH BRAZIL WITH A VIEW TO
FURTHERING OUR NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH THAT COUNTRY.

THE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED THE TYPES OF CONSTRAINTS
WE WOULD REQUIRE TO MAKE A NEW AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE FROM
A NON-PROLIFERATION VIEWPOINT, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT AN
AGREEMENT STRUCTURED ALONG THESE LINES MAY PROVE TO BE
DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE. HE THEREFORE APPROVES THE
RECOMMENDATION THAT LOW-KEY EXPLORATORY TALKS BE HELD WITH
BRAZIL ON THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE STUDY. IF THESE

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TALKS REVEAL A SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUND OF MUTUAL INTEREST,

THE PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE A U.S. POSITION FOR FULL SCALE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE BACKGROUND IN ISSUE NO. 3 (PAGE 10) OF THE SECRETARY'S BASIC COUNTRY PAPER SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW REVIEWED AN INTERAGENCY STUDY OF THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL. HE AGREES THAT CONTACT SHOULD BE REESTABLISHED AND HAS APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT LOW-KEY, EXPLORATORY TALKS BE HELD. IF THESE REVEAL SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUND THE PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE A US POSITION FOR FULL NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

3. THE FIRST TALKING POINT UNDER ISSUE NO. 3 (PAGE 10) SHOULD ALSO BE REWORDED, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: -- WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR COOPERATION IN BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN FRANK AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT AN EARLY DATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING OUR CURRENT AGREEMENT. IN THESE INITIAL TALKS, WE HOPE TO EXPLORE CANDIDLY THE AREAS AND CONDITIONS IN WHICH BRAZIL ENVISIONS BROADER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THESE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN OVERALL US NUCLEAR POLICY. OUR EMBASSY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIMING. INGERSOLL

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